



City of Benbrook

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 06/04/2020	REFERENCE NUMBER: G-2467	SUBJECT: Approve CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds Interlocal Cooperation Agreement	PAGE: 1 of 1
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On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the congressionally approved Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) providing financial aid to businesses and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Within the CARES Act, the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) was created to provide financial resources to state and local governments. The State of Texas has received \$11.24 billion in coronavirus relief aid.

Consistent with the CARES Act, 45 percent of the state's total allocation, approximately \$5.06 billion, is being made available to local governments. Counties and cities with populations greater than 500,000 received direct funding from the treasury. Tarrant County was one of 12 counties to receive direct funding. The County will distribute \$61,308,720 to non-direct distribution cities, including the City of Benbrook.

On May 12, 2020, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court designated fifty-five (\$55) per capita to municipalities located in Tarrant County for direct COVID-19 related expenditures. Benbrook, based on the 2019 population of 22,920 persons as reported by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), is eligible to receive one million two hundred sixty thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,260,600).

Funds may not replace lost revenue and may only be used to cover expenses that:

1. are necessary and eligible expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020;
3. are not duplicated with any other Federal reimbursement request; and
4. are incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Currently, Tarrant County is attempting to receive additional clarification for the use of the Federal funding to potentially include public safety employee salaries and benefits during the COVID-19 outbreak. However, based on current criteria and absent any additional clarification, it is unlikely that Benbrook will be able to utilize the majority of the funding allocation because reimbursable expenses must be directly and specifically related to COVID-19. Potential expenses currently incurred and eligible for reimbursement include personal protection equipment (PPE) and the BEDC small business rent/mortgage assistance grant. Currently, the City has not incurred any overtime costs specifically related to COVID-19. Should conditions change prior to the end of the calendar year, potential overtime costs may be captured and reimbursed. Any unused funds will be returned to Tarrant County.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and further authorize Andy Wayman, City Manager, to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

SUBMITTED BY:	DISPOSITION BY COUNCIL: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (DESCRIBE)	PROCESSED BY: CITY SECRETARY
CITY MANAGER		DATE: